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DEEMED UNIVERSITY STATUS FOR RESEARCH INSTITUTES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to accord Deemed University Status to the leading research institutes under the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of research institutes which have already been accorded the Deemed Universitystatus and the institutions taken up for consideration now;

(d) the details of the funds allocated for the research institutes during the last three years and the major projects or works completed by these institutes during the said period;

(e) the measures taken by the Government to provide adequate representation to the OBCs in these research institutes;

(f) whether the Government has the detailed reports from the various research institutes regarding the current status o f OBC representation in Groups 'A', 'B' and 'C'; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (c): An Autonomous Society in the name of Paddy Processing Research Centre (PPRC) is a fully financed research institution of this Ministry. This Ministry has decided to expand the scope of the activities of this Institution and conduct certain courses, which would ultimately become eligible for obtaining Deemed University status.
(d): Details of funds allocated for PPRC for last three years:

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
2000-01	80.00
2001-02	175.00
2002-03	380.00

The Projects/Works completed during the last three years:

i) Development of integrated management system for psocids in paddy and rice storage.
ii) Investigation on techno-economic characteristics of rice mills.
iii) Processing of brown rice for retention of nutrients in milled rice and its storage.
iv) Pilot study on the production of protein enriched rice vermicelli.

(e): Post based reservation roster is maintained in this Institute to ensure adequate representation to the OBCs.

(f): Yes, Sir.

(g): while as per the roster, only one Group 'A', one Group 'B'and five Group 'C' posts are to be filled with OBC, the Institute has not only filled these posts as per requirement but have also filled three more Group 'A' posts and 15 Group 'C' posts from the OBC's.